

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 12, 1883, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland, July 12th, 1883. My dearest Alec:

I was so glad to see from your telegrams that you had arrived safe and sound in Washington. I felt so dreadfully to have you leave me, the empty bed felt so lonesome, and altogether after waiting half an hour in the dark to see the train come in and move off again, I felt so blue I was sure something would happen to you and nearly indulged in a tiny weep. It seemed to me you had taken so much trouble to give me pleasure and I had not told you enough how well you had succeeded and how much I thanked you, that you had taken two long journeys to spend a day with me and I had not made it as pleasant to you as perhaps I might. I did intend to my darling, and it did give me such pleasure to have you by me once more. May we have many more wedding anniversaries and may we always be together.

Maurice is much excited over your telegram and in a great state of mind to know how he is to buy a pair of horses for you. We are to go driving behind them tomorrow at ten, we could not have them this afternoon.

The children are in bed, I left Daisy a moment and returning found her in tears because the towel was not wet enough, now she does not want me to go away so I brought her my letter to Papa to comfort her by sending him a kiss. She wipes her eyes on the sheet Daisy Elsie and smiles and says tell papa Elsie was good and I am naughty, "Elsie says," no 2 say Daisy was good and tell Papa please bring all my dolly's and Daisy's dolly's furniture." I say yes, but you may forget it for the children are never long enough in the house to play with their dollies. We went to walk in the woods and brought home a lot of moss with which I am going to make them a pretty basket such as my friends in the mountains made for

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me when I was a child. It is indeed living over one's own childhood to be with one's little girls. All goes quietly here, I am so glad to think there is a chance for that poor boy. Next time you are ill remember make up your mind to get well and then you may do it in spite of physicians and everything.

Take care of yourself, as I am doing of myself. I love you very much.

Mabel.